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METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PROVIDING PROLONGED DRUG THERAPY

- A dosage form tablet for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier that release the methylphenidate in a sustained and increasing dose for treating Attention-deficit Disorder.
- A dosage form tablet for treating Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of a member selected from the group consisting of methylphenidate and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts mixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier that is delivered in a controlled and increasing dose for treating Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended, i.e., paragraph [0001], to claim priority to parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/253,317.

Claims 1 and 3-47 have been canceled and claims 48-58 have been added. Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 2 and 48-58 should be pending in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention withdrawn U.S. Patent No 6,034,101 (courtesy copy enclosed herewith). The claims previously allowed in U.S. Patent No. 6,034,101 (claims 1-11), are the claims now presented by preliminary amendment. This application claims priority to this withdrawn patent, i.e., U.S. Application No. 08/910,593, filed July 31, 1997.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding the above new claims or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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